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Our File No.: A33752 (071308.0102)

Date: February 14, 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Papiernik et al.

Serial No. : 09/713,824 Examiner : To be assigned

Filed : November 15, 2000 Group Art Unit : To be assigned

For : SIMULATION METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

1. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
2. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
3. No additional fee is required.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 14, 2001.

Attorney Name Bradley B. Geist

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Signature Bradley B. Geist

Date of Signature February 14, 2001

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims remaining after amendt. <u>(Col. 1)</u>	Highest No. Prev. Paid for <u>(Col. 2)</u>	Present extra <u>(Col. 3)</u>	<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>			<u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u>		
				<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>	
Total	*	Minus **	=	0	x 9 =	\$0	or x 18 =	\$0	
Ind.	*	Minus ***	=	0	x 39 =	\$0	or x 78 =	\$0	
() First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				+ 130 =			or + 260 =		
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE	=	\$0	or TOTAL =	\$0	

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. prev. paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest No. prev. paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

4.(a)[] An Extension of Time to respond to the PTO communication dated is hereby requested. The required fee, indicated below, is enclosed herewith.

Extension for response (check only one):

	<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>	<u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u>
Within first month	[] \$ 55	[] \$ 110
Within second month	[] 190	[] 380
Within third month	[] 435	[] 870
Within fourth month	[] 680	[] 1,360

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[] An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

or

(b)[X] In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

5. [] Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4377 in the amount of \$. Two

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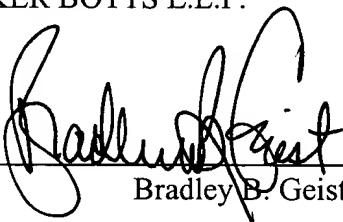
copies of this sheet are enclosed.

6. A check in the amount of \$ is attached.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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Enclosures